

PAGES                     

DATE                     

Box                     

Folder #                     

Fon #                     

***BEST COPY***

***AVAILABLE***

State Dept. declassification & release instructions on file

TELEGRAM

Approved Release 2001/08/21 CIA RDP 31-0000000150012-9

near in  
Intel

DP

CONFIDENTIAL

TO: Ankara, 1951

NZA  
SS  
G  
SP  
I  
SB  
EUR  
E  
PX  
IOP  
SCA  
NSC  
INR  
CIA  
NSA  
OSD  
ARMY  
NAVY  
AIR  
RMR

FROM: Ankara  
TO: Secretary of State  
NO: 240, August 16, 9 A.M.

PRIORITY

ACTION DEPARTMENT 240, INFORMATION

Embassy informed Foreign Minister [redacted] Ambassador August 12 that Sarper advised Riga [redacted] agreement for USSR regularly scheduled flights would be approved. Department will recall (Riga February 15) Sarper advised Embassy February 1 [redacted] oral request for such commercial overflights [redacted] delayed. Embassy has contacted Foreign Office [redacted] level with following result:

Soviets apparently provoked Turkish [redacted] previous request, filed formal note July 11 for [redacted] route Moscow-Cairo. Apparently would accept [redacted] corridor Inebolu-Ankara-Sidike. Third Department [redacted] official said no alternative but to [redacted] (G.S. has report DIRECT Third Department [redacted] Soviet Embassy officer approval would be [redacted] flights to be worked out and flights should not [redacted] Soviets requested.)

Foreign Office view Article XIII [redacted] requires concurrence. Failure could invite Soviet [redacted] convention and result undesirable [redacted] relations. GOT requesting reciprocal rights but [redacted] not in position implement foreseeable future.

Curious that despite close relations GOT and history US interest above subject per reference despatch. Foreign Office officials [redacted]

CONFIDENTIAL

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

CONFIDENTIAL

2-440 August 16, 9 4.30 AM Ankara

Including Foreign Minister did not have frequent opportunities recent weeks advise Embassy official request. Inclined believe Sarper feels personal position delicate and probably that matter discussed cabinet level as well as Gursel by R. Gov during his recent call. Also curious existence apparent compulsion reply favorably prior to government assuming office.

I am seeking appointment Sarper soonest raise issue particularly in light Turkish failure keep Embassy advised when GOI entirely aware keen US interest. Will advise developments.

HARE

MLJ/6

CONFIDENTIAL